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439 I told them we wanted vegetables, fruit, green
648 corn, and mules; for which we would pay them in white cotton cloth, calico, red flannel and other shirts,
[244] blankets, and trinkets. They generally raise a great many fine melons; but it was too early yet for them. They brought us green corn, squashes, beans, and
[243 dried peas. We also bought of them some dried
251] corn (maize) for the animals.

648 The culinary department, as usual, seemed to have most attractions for our Indian friends, who formed a double row around the fire while cooking was going on. They also crowded into the tents, and occupied all the space about them. When night came, we expected they would leave; but they stretched themselves out on the grass, and passed the night in the camp.

132 *June 30th.* As the heat was intense, the mercury ranging from 100° to 110°, and as we had very little shade, it was thought advisable to get nearer the river, where there were more trees, and where the men would have a better opportunity to bathe, a luxury which they had enjoyed every day since leaving Fort Yuma. The Indians told me we had better
133 remain where we were, as there was no grass near the
137 river. I felt disposed to listen to them; but such was the desire of the party to be on the water that I consented to go, and gave orders to strike the tents immediately after breakfast.

By eight o'clock we set off, under the guidance of Francisco, and followed by fifty or sixty more of his tribe. After crossing a deep arroyo of sand, which is filled by the river at its floods, and pushing our way